

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A cranial flap clamp for fixing a bone flap to a skull comprising:

a first clamping member having inner and outer surfaces, at least a portion of the inner surface positionable against inferior surfaces of the bone flap and skull;

an extension member extending from the first clamping member and configured and dimensioned to fit between the bone flap and the skull;

a second clamping member having inner and outer surfaces and as a substantially rectangular opening through the inner and outer surfaces for slidably receiving the extension member, with at least a portion of the inner surface positionable against superior surfaces of the bone flap and skull, the opening having a recessed area forming a cutting surface;

wherein movement of at least one of the first and second clamping members from a first position with the second clamping member distal to the first clamping member to a second position with the second clamping member proximal to the first clamping member urges the inner surface of the first clamping member against the inferior surfaces of the bone flap and skull and urges the inner surface of the second clamping member against the superior surfaces of the bone flap and skull; and

an integrally formed stop on the extension member provided by mechanical deformation of the extension member at a surgeon selected location along its length and adjacent the outer surface of the second clamping member when the first and second clamping members are in the second position to secure the inner surface of the first clamping member against the inferior surfaces of the bone flap and skull and the inner surface of the second clamping member against the superior surfaces of the bone flap and skull;

wherein the stop is formed by twisting and shearing of the extension member, which is sized and configured to fit substantially within the recessed area.

2. (Currently Amended) A cranial flap clamp for fixing a bone flap to a skull comprising:

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